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West Side Wastewater Treatment Plant Earns Ninth Straight Governor's Safety and Health Award

Plant has not had a lost-time incident since 1992

MADISONVILLE, Ky. (June 17, 2014) – Secretary Larry L. Roberts of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet honored the employees of West Side Wastewater Treatment Plant with their ninth straight Governor's Safety and Health Award. The plant has had more than 477,014 hours without a worker suffering a lost-time accident or illness, something that hasn't happened at the facility since 1992.

"The employees of West Side Wastewater Treatment Plant highly deserve this recognition," said Secretary Roberts. "This is the ninth straight year they've earned this award, and the plant's excellent safety record goes back more than two decades, which demonstrates an extremely high level of commitment from everyone involved."

The treatment plant serves the cities of Madisonville, Hanson and Earlington. The facility can easily handle an average of 6 million gallons of water flow a day, but currently averages about 4.8 million gallons a day. With 11 employees, all operators are certified by the Kentucky Division of Water. The plant also works with local industry to ensure

that effluent waste complies with standards and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency.

“The employees have implemented safety procedures in all aspects of their work, which has contributed to the outstanding safety record,” said Plant Superintendent Alan Todd.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of West Side Wastewater Treatment, the requirement is 250,000.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on the West Side Wastewater Treatment Plant, visit www.madisonvillegov.com or click [here](#).

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